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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASCH, BDIS, KU
SUBJECT: OVERSEAS SCHOOLS: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY (UNPAID BILLS)
AMERICAN SCHOOL OF KUWAIT

REF: (A) STATE 130774 (B) SOLIN/COMMERCIAL SECTION
LETTER, MAY 1, 1978 (C) SOLIN/AMBASSADOR LETTER, MAY 1, 1978
(D) COMMERCE DIB -451L OF MAY 12, 1978 (E) STOCKWELL/5 9)8,
LETTER, MAY 15, 1978 (F) USDOC 09966

1. UPON RECEIPT OF LETTERS REFS B AND C, EMBASSY CONTACTED
JAMES LEPKOSKI/ PRINCIPAL, AMERICAN SCHOOL OF KUWAIT, AND
DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF NON-PAYMENT OF PROGRAM AIDS, INC.
DISCUSSION SUMMARIZED IN REF E.

2. A CHECK FOR \$3,993.93 WAS MAILED TO PROGRAM AIDS, INC.
ON MAY 17, AS LEPKOWSKI HAD EARLIER INFORMED US HE WOULD
DO.

3. IN A MAY 25 TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH COMMERCIAL OFFICER,
LEPKOWSKI STATED THAT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL HAD MANAGED TO
CLEAR THE ORDERED GOODS THROUGH CUSTOMS, DESPITE PROGRAM
AID'S SEEMING INABILITY OR UNWILLINGNESS TO SUPPLY THE
POSITIVE CERTIFICATION OR ORIGIN WHICH THE CUSTOMS PROCESS
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DEMANDS. DUE TO PROGRAM AID'S FAILURE TO FURNISH THIS VITAL
DOCUMENT, THE AMERICAN SCHOOL WAS REQUIRED TO PAY OVER
\$1,000 IN STORAGE CHARGES IN ORDER TO KEEP THE GOODS FROM
BEING CONFISCATED WHILE THEY ATTEMPTED TO CLEAR THEM
THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT PROGRAM AID'S
VERSION OF THE EVENTS TO DATE IS MORE THAN SLIGHTLY MIS-
LEADING, BUT HE DOES NOT WANT TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM INTERESTED PARTIES THAT
THIS MATTER HAS BEEN RESOLVED.
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